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PLEASE PASS TO DR T VREBALOVICH EN ROUTE TO NEW DELHI

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TAGS: TGEN, OTRA, IN (VREBALOVICH, DR T)

SUBJ: TRAVEL OF NEW DELHI SCIENTIFIC ATTACHE,

DR THOMAS VREBALOVICH

1. THE USG IS SENDING A TEAM TO INDIA TO DISCUSS AND CONDUCT ON-SITE VISITS PURSUANT TO US POLICY RE PHYSICAL SECURITY REQUIREMENT FOR SUPPLY OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT. THESE DISCUSSIONS AND VISITS ARE TO FURTHER BILATERAL UNDERSTANDING ON ADEQUATE PHYSICAL SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS.

2. THE TEAM WILL BE ARRIVING IN NEW DELHI SUNDAY, NOV 9, AND BRIEFING DISCUSSIONS ARE SCHEDULED AT THE EMBASSY ON MONDAY MORNING, NOV 10. THE TEAM WILL LEAVE DELHI FOR BOMBAY ON THE EVENING OF NOVEMBER 10 AND SPEND NOV 11, 12, AND 13 IN BOMBAY VISITING THE BHABHA ATOMIC RESEARCH CENTER, AND THE US NUCLEAR POWER REACTOR CENTER AT TARAPUR, AND MEET WITH DR H SETHNA, CHAIRMAN OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY. THE TEAM WILL MOST LIKELY VISIT HYDERABAD WHERE THE ENRICHED URANIUM HEXAFLORIDE IS CONVERTED INTO FUEL ELEMENTS FOR THE TARAPUR REACTORS.

4. IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR DR VREBALOVICH TO ATTEND

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THE MONDAY MORNING BRIEFING WITH THE PHYSICAL SECURITY

TEAM. WE ALSO BELIEVE IT IS HIGHLY IMPORTANT FOR HIM TO TRAVEL WITH THE TEAM TO BOMBAY AND HYDERABAD WHICH WOULD OFFER THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH PRINCIPAL ATOMIC ENERGY OFFICIALS AND SCIENTISTS AND VISIT THE MAIN ATOMIC ENERGY FACILITIES.

5. WE REALIZE THIS TRIP WILL BE INCONVENIENT FOR DR VREBALOVICH, HAVING JUST ARRIVED IN INDIA ON NOV 9, BUT FEEL THIS IS HIGHLY IMPORTANT FOR HIS INDOCTRINATION. IF THE TIMING IS TIGHT, WE WOULD SUGGEST DR VREBALOVICH ADVANCE HIS ARRIVAL DATE TO DELHI BY A COUPLE OF DAYS.
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